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AUTOMATIC LOAD-BALANCING
ON MULTISEGMENT DEVICES

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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with the above-referenced divisional application.

Some of the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 were previously submitted in a prior application, Serial No. 08/738,940 filed Oct. 24, 1996, upon which applicant relies for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. For the Examiner's convenience, copies of all the listed documents, including those previously submitted, are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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